

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

- IMPORTANT:** Please read all application materials thoroughly before completing this application. Applications that are incomplete or unsigned will not be reviewed.
- GENERAL INFORMATION:** NASF's objective is to recognize and reward outstanding student achievement. This supplemental award is intended to help American Indian students of any age, from any U.S. tribe, and in any State, striving to get an education. All awards are based on merit, academic achievement and ambition.
- DEADLINES:** It is the applicant's sole responsibility to meet all final deadlines of NASF. Missing material due to failure by others to meet final deadlines will cause your application not to be processed. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to follow up and ensure that NASF receives valid documents on or before designated deadlines. **NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.**

Important Deadlines:	Summer Session	March 15
	Fall Semester/Autumn Quarter	April 15
	Spring Semester/Winter Quarter	September 15
- FUNDING:** Because we are a supplemental aid program, applicants are required to apply for all other sources of funding for which they are eligible; this includes applying for campus-based aid. This is an iron-clad requirement; applicants who do not apply for all other sources of funding will not have their application forwarded to the Board of Directors for reading and ranking. We recommend that applicants look through private scholarship directories for information on over 100,000 scholarships, grants, loans, and internships. A wide range of corporations, unions, trust funds, religious and fraternal organizations, associations, and private philanthropists can provide you with the financial assistance you need to continue your education.
- AWARDS:** Scholarships are on a competitive basis. Awards are based on NASF's projected income. Awardees will be notified by letter as early as possible.
- Please type all materials: Do not staple, bind, or clip any part of the application--leave it loose leaf. Submit all documents on standard size paper (8-1/2" x 11"). Documents should be placed in the order as specified on page 2 of the application. Do not place labels or dividers in application. Use extra pages if necessary. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK SPACES.** Failure to supply the requested information may preclude an applicant from being eligible for assistance under this program.
- PROCESSING FEE:** A non-refundable \$10.00 processing fee must accompany each application.
- Completion of this application will determine your eligibility. Students never funded by NASF are considered new students. Continuing students (those who are currently funded by NASF) do not have to reapply or pay a \$10.00 processing fee. Instead they will automatically receive a Scholarship Renewal Form that must be completed by June 1st. NASF does not place a maximum limit on the number of terms/semesters for funding. We consider our scholarships "lifetime" awards. Therefore, it is in your best interest to make time and a sincere effort to complete the application in its entirety.

FAXED APPLICATIONS AND/OR DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ESSAY OUTLINE

INTRODUCTION: Please introduce yourself using your full name and your tribe. Please put your name and page number on each page.

ACADEMICS: State your grade point average, class rank, and ACT/SAT test scores from high school. State any test scores from standardized test such as CTBS, ITBS, LSAT, MCAT, GRE, WRAT, CAT, or Stanford. State why/how you made the grades and test scores that you did. State what grades you made in your field of interest and why. State how much time you spend studying each day or week. Describe any awards won in high school or college and their significance. List any clubs and honors and their significance. List any scholarships and how you won them. Describe any leadership positions you have held in high school or college, how you were elected and what your responsibilities were. Describe what courses you have taken to prepare you for college and your career and what you have learned so far which has inspired you. Tell us who or what inspired you to pursue your chosen field of study, and how that inspiration came to you.

CAREER PLANS: Explain what you plan to do after you finish college. Tell what your ultimate career goals are. Describe your personal interests and tell how they are related to your planned career. Describe your strengths and explain how they are used in your study for your planned career. Describe the requirements for the completion of your degree.

SERVICE TO INDIANS: Describe your plans to work with and benefit Indians. Tell how your work will directly benefit Indians. Tell us about your Indian heritage and what this means to you. Describe your ties to your Indian community and your experience in this community. Explain how your college education will directly contribute to your work with Indians.

LEADERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIPS: Describe any elected or appointed positions in school or college and how they relate to your planned career. Describe any summer work relevant to your planned career and/or your service to Indians. Describe your membership in clubs and how it relates to your future. Describe all other sources of funds that you applied to and the results. Tell us what scholarships you have won and the amounts of funding you will receive from these scholarships. Explain what you will do if you do not receive a scholarship from the Native American Scholarship Fund.

IMPORTANT!! YOUR ESSAY MUST BE TYPED

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION OUTLINE

Please submit the letters of recommendation to NASF by the following deadline: March 15 (Summer); April 15 (Fall semester); September 15 (Winter/Spring semester).

Letters of recommendation must be typed. Be specific, not vague or general. Write formally and not informally. Do not ask NASF to follow up; instead, include all pertinent information in letter.

The following areas should be addressed in the letter of recommendation:

BACKGROUND:

- What is your relationship to the applicant?
- How long and how well have you known the applicant?
- In what capacity have you known the applicant? (i.e. teacher, advisor, employer, informally, friend, etc.)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Academics: What type of grades, test scores, honors, and awards has the applicant received?
- What type of leadership qualities has the applicant demonstrated?
- Describe the types of extracurricular activities the applicant has been involved in?
- Service to Indians: Describe the applicant's commitment to his/her tribe and Indian community?

POTENTIAL:

- Has the applicant lived up to his/her potential? Explain.
- If not, what evidence can you provide to demonstrate that he/she will?

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FINANCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT

(Send form to college/university financial aid office for completion)

STUDENT NAME: _____ SOC. SEC. NO.: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____ MAJOR: _____

FUNDING REQUEST FOR: FALL 19____ [FT / PT] SPRING 19____ [FT / PT] SUMMER 19____ [FT / PT]

I hereby give permission to the Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. to request and receive any information on my financial aid status and academic progress. I understand that I must apply to all federal, state, private, and institutional aid before being considered for NASF aid. I also understand that I am responsible for seeing that this form reaches the NASF by the deadline dates.

Student Signature Date

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PART II: TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCIAL AID OFFICER

(Return to the Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc.)

COLLEGE NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EXPENSES:

Tuition & Fees \$ _____
Books & Supplies \$ _____
Room & Board \$ _____
Transportation \$ _____
Personal \$ _____
Other (Specify) \$ _____

RESOURCES:

Personal \$ _____
Misc. Scholarships \$ _____
BIA Scholarship \$ _____
Tribal Scholarship \$ _____
Grants (PELL, etc.) \$ _____
Loans (PERKINS, etc.) \$ _____
Work Study \$ _____
Veteran's benefits \$ _____
Other (Specify) \$ _____

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ _____

TOTAL RESOURCES: \$ _____

Has student been suspended from financial aid for failure to maintain satisfactory progress? YES or NO

If yes, when? _____ Has student applied for financial aid? YES or NO

Print name of person completing form: _____

Signature of person completing form: _____

Title: _____ Phone No. _____ Date: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN BLOOD REQUEST FORM

PART I: STUDENT

To be considered for an NASF scholarship, you must: Be an enrolled member and possess 1/4 degree or more American Indian blood from a federally recognized, state recognized, or terminated U.S. tribe.

Complete Part I and send form to your tribal enrollment agency or office (Bureau of Indian Affairs Agency). A CIB received directly from the tribal enrollment office is verification that the form was officially completed. A CIB submitted by the applicant is not valid. Copies or any other documents are NOT ACCEPTED.

SSN: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Mother's Maiden Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

"I hereby authorize the release of tribal information relating to my tribal enrollment to the Native American Scholarship Fund for use in obtaining a scholarship."

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

PART II: TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICER

Students applying for a scholarship from the Native American Scholarship Fund must provide an official Certificate of Indian Blood. NASF is requesting verification of tribal affiliation from your office. This certificate must be *date stamped* and *embossed with tribal seal* to validate that certificate was completed at the Tribal Enrollment office. Completed certificate must be mailed from the tribal office directly to NASF. The Certificate of Indian Blood cannot be FAXED to meet deadlines. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Tribes: _____ Degree of Indian Blood: _____

Census/Enrollment No: _____ Is applicant an enrolled member? Yes No

Is this U. S. Tribe: Federally recognized State recognized Terminated

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ Business Phone No.: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

TO TRIBAL ENROLLMENT OFFICE: MAIL THIS FORM DIRECTLY TO NASF AT ADDRESS BELOW. THANK YOU.

APPLICATION FORM (MUST BE TYPED)

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SSN: _____ Term Applying for: Fall/Autumn 19____ Spring/Winter 19____ Summer 19____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____ Sex: _____

Birthdate: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Tribe: _____ Blood Quantum: _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____ PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone (Area Code): _____ Home Phone (Area Code): _____

Name of University you will attend: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone No.(Area Code): _____

College Level: ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior ___ Graduate ___ Post Graduate

Degree Objective (circle one): BA / BBA / BS / MA / MS / MBA / MSW / JD / MD / LPN / RN / DC / DPM / DVM / DDS

DO / Ed.D. / Ph.D. / Psy.D. Other: _____ Field of Study: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Name, City/State of high school attended: _____ Graduation Date: _____

High school GPA on 4.0 scale: _____ High school class rank: _____ College GPA on 4.0 scale: _____

College entrance test scores: ACT (Composite): _____ %ile: _____ SAT Verbal: _____ %ile: _____ Math: _____ %ile: _____

Other Test Name (LSAT/MCAT/MAT/GRE/etc.): _____ Test Score: _____ Percentile: _____

Military Veteran: ___ Yes ___ No Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Military Service: From: _____ to _____

Marital Status: ___ Single ___ Married ___ Divorced ___ Widowed ___ Separated ___ Single Parent

Are you listed as a dependent on your parent's/guardian's federal tax return for the most recent tax year? ___ Yes ___ No

Number of dependent children residing with you: _____ CHILDREN'S NAMES _____ AGES _____

Number of persons in household: _____

List courses and grades in your major field of study (Please list high school grades if you are about to enter college):

COURSE TITLE/GRADE	COURSE TITLE/GRADE	COURSE TITLE/GRADE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Explain the relevance of the courses you have taken to you: planned career: _____

List all information which would give an indication of your success in your chosen field. (Use additional page if necessary):
Awards/Honors earned in high school and/or college: _____

Membership/Leadership Roles: _____

Volunteer/Community efforts: _____

Submit copies of all sources of funding to which you have applied, or to which you plan to apply. A minimum of ten (10) sources is required. (Use additional page if necessary).

SOURCES

ADDRESS

SOURCES	ADDRESS
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

DOCUMENTATION: The following documents are required by NASF for the review process. It is the sole responsibility of the student to have all required documents submitted to NASF by the final deadlines. Place documents in the following order:

- A. Financial Needs Analysis. Original must be submitted by your Financial Aid Officer.
- B. A copy of your college's cost bulletin (Student Tuition and Fees).
- C. A copy of the IRS 1040 Federal Tax Return (Student's or Parent's) for the previous year.
- D. Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) [Proof of your enrollment with a federally recognized, state recognized, or terminated American Indian tribe. CIB must show your blood quantum].
- E. Copies of applications and/or responses for other sources of funding. (Minimum of 10 sources required).
- F. An essay explaining your goals in life, college plans, career plans. One page is insufficient. Be thorough.
- G. Three Letters of Recommendation. Writers of LOR should submit letters directly to NASF.
- H. Official Transcripts: 1) Incoming Freshmen must submit final high school transcript; 2) Undergraduates must submit transcript for previous college work completed; 3) Graduates must submit undergraduate transcript.
- I. A copy of Standardized Test Scores (ACT/SAT/GRE/MCAT/LSAT, etc).
- J. DD 214 Form (military personnel).
- K. Copy of Letter of Admission from an accredited college/university, or graduate school and degree program.
- L. Processing Fee: \$10.00 non-refundable (Money Orders or Personal Checks only. No Cash please).
- M. Photograph (2" X 3" photo must be of good quality for use in NASF newsletters and/or publications).

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that information on this application is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I consent to the release of this information to other agencies and persons as necessary to determine my eligibility. I understand that any scholarship awarded to me will be disbursed as money becomes available to the Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc. (NASF). I also understand that I will be included in the NASF Directory of Graduates, and that my name, address, and phone number may be released for other possible scholarship sources, job prospects and opportunities related to my education and/or career. I also understand that NASF may release my name and photograph in any news releases and/or publications. If awarded a scholarship from the Native American Scholarship Fund, Inc., I agree to comply with all rules applicable to the award.

Student's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent's Signature (If student is under 18 years) _____

Date _____